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Homewood Miss.
31st Aug. 1866

Dear Morris

Having nothing to do, I thought I would write you a line, not that I know anything that would interest you in the least, but merely to enquire how you do. Since this new change in our political and social history, I saw a notice of your misfortune in losing an arm - which amongst the many sad occurrences to numerous friends during the war, shocked me most, for reason that the war had closed, and when almost in the bosom of your family - to know this pleasure cut short by a contemptible Yankee and his counterpart

The old Baptist boy what is to be, will be. I accidentally heard from Old Marshall a few days ago, and wrote him at once, and abused him no little for not writing me. He is at Holmesville in this State, I expect a visit from him soon. - told him I kept "constantly on hand some good whiskey, Marshall is a man of fair ability and I hope will so change his course of life - as to turn it to good account." - as for myself I claim nothing

but a good living, not having the ability
to excel in any pursuit in life - without
more application than I feel willing to give.
Shall content myself on having a plenty to eat
and to drink for myself family & friends. I
owe nothing, my possessions consist of 160 acres
of land horses cattle dogs &c as many as are useful
on the place, and Eighteen hundred dollars in
good money on hand, my crop this year though
sorry will afford me an abundance besides
adding two or three hundred dollars to my little
Bank. There is a little Creek running through
my land that abounds in fish of good variety
and in the Swamp, plenty of Squirrels, Turkey, and
some deer, all of which afford me some pleasure,
which would be greatly increased to have some
of my Army friends to share it with me, Harris
after having lost four years of to us, to me at least,
the most valued of my life - together with the few
laurels that ~~the~~ ^{my} won, and lost & not least in
importance, to be denied & striped of the Buttons,
Bars, & Stars, from our coats, I can feel little or no
interest in the Government in which we live,
care nothing for its reorganization - believing
as I do, that a great majority of the politicians are
a most contemptible set of scoundrels - so much
so as never to govern the United States Government I care
not into which of the hands of ^{the} respective parties it

of Auditor of Public accounts I believe
is the most profitable. If you will
run for it at the next election I think
I can do you good service in this portion
of the state. I have a great many friends
in all of those counties who I could easily
enlist in your behalf. Col. If this Office
does not suit you make your own selection
I am for you Robt Lowry is has an unbo-
unded popularity in this portion of the state
and is a particular friend of Gen Featherston
I don't know that he ever made your
acquaintance - but it matters not, he
will support you for anything you desire
all these Offices have to be filled, and your
ability would enable you to fill any of them
from Governor down, and if your mind should
run that way - I will cheerfully exercise my best
energies for you. Gen Holsten I notice is still
ambitious for office, wanted to go to the U S Senate
place me in the same circumstances with him, before & during
the war, & my feelings would not allow me ever to go to the Federal
city with its present rulers, for no aim of honor or profit
Col. If you ever come into this portion of the state get off at
Morton on the S R R I live 9 miles South of that place & come
& see me, we have two Boys now, Roddy, & Robt, good looking
children. My wife joins me in regards.

Write me how the crop are,
in your selection

Yours friend, W. Sherry

may fall, with an eye single to the prosperity and
welfare of an intelligent people, so you will perceive
at once that politics has no allurements for me,
look for instance at the State of Missi—how far
below the old standard it has fallen in the selection
of most of her Officers, in the lower house of Congress
If they are ever admitted—There is not ^{one} of them
whose ability will command respect, A E Runnels
by the way, a very particular friend of mine, I believe is
the best, and he too lazy to tell what he knows,
In looking over the list of delegates from this State
to the National Convention at Philadelphia I noticed
the name of Jno McGuirk alternate for your
District, which must have caused much anxiety on the
part of the People of your District, I am no doubt
every exertion was used, at least it ought to have
been, to get off the principal Gen. Geo. Thurston
Just imagine for one moment Jno McGuirk
representing a Congressional Dist from the State of Missi
in a Convention to be composed of the great minds
and pure hearts of the nation—how ridiculous
Cool I presume you are practising law, and
I sincerely hope that it may pay you well
Of course I don't know what you are doing, would
or would not do, but if there is any position
to which you aspire in the State, it will
afford me pleasure indeed, to assist you.
If you would like a State Office—That